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U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, JULY 11.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, .08.
Temperature, Max. 83; Min. 69. Weather, showery.

SUGAR—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.71875c.; Per Ton, \$74.375.
88 Analysis Beets, 8s 4½d; Per Ton, \$76.00.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1906.

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FITCH SCORES ONCE MORE IN THE SAKE CASES

A Private Cablegram From San Francisco Announces That Victory Is Won in United States District Court.

Col. Tom Fitch and Harry Johnston have once more won the famous sake cases.

Hind, Rolph & Co. yesterday received the following cablegram from Johnston, dated San Francisco:

"Sake won. Return on China."

The case was heard in the United States District Court at San Francisco, Col. Fitch representing the Honolulu claimants for a refund of what is claimed to be a heavy overcharge on the sake imported from Japan. Testimony was taken here several weeks ago before Commissioner Mailing. The sake claimants, for whom Hind, Rolph & Co. are acting, were represented by Col. Fitch. The United States was represented by Mr. Leavitt of the Board of General Appraisers of New York. Both attorneys then went to San Francisco and Johnston's cablegram announces the result as a victory for the claimants.

The government may, if it desires, carry the case to the Circuit Court of Appeals and beyond that to the United States Supreme Court. Whether this course will be followed depends upon the Secretary of the Treasury.

The sake claimants have won out in every instance of the long fight, which has extended over three years, during which time Col. Fitch and Harry Johnston have kept busy.

The claims for refund are piling up

FORMAL APPLICATION OF BUDDHIST MISSION FOR CHARTER DENIED

The application of the Honpa Hong Wanji Mission, otherwise the Hawaiian Buddhist Mission, for a charter has been turned down by Governor Carter.

The Honpa Hong Wanji represents the Buddhist religious element amongst the Japanese of this Territory. The chief temple is in Fort Lane, Honolulu, not far from Fort street, and there are temples all over the islands. It is not to be supposed that anybody objects to the practice of the Buddhist religion in the islands—anybody, that is, but the proponents of other faiths—and, if anybody did, it would not matter, because the constitution of the United States guarantees religious freedom to all men. It is even claimed by some men whose walk in life is not all, perhaps, that it should be, that the constitution guarantees irreligious freedom.

However that may be, when the application of the Honpa Hong Wanji for a charter as a religious corporation without capital stock, as the law provides, was presented to Treasurer Campbell that official, as his custom is, passed it up to the Attorney General for an opinion. Deputy Attorney General Prosser returned it to Mr. Campbell with the recommendation that the matter should be referred to the Governor for the exercise of his discretion, as the act provides.

Governor Carter sent the application back to the Treasurer, with a letter recommending that the application be denied, the letter of the Chief Executive closing in this wise:

"I decline to approve, as I do not believe that the issuance of this charter would be compatible with the best future interests of this Territory."

Governor Carter was out at his Wai-kiki place yesterday afternoon, and so could not be asked why he thought the granting of a charter to the Honpa Hong Wanji would not be compatible with the best future interests of the Territory. It is understood, however, that besides its religious as-



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pects, the Honpa Hong Wanji is an association for inculcating Japanese patriotism, and a school for the teaching of patriotism to any other country but the United States may be regarded as somewhat out of place on American soil.

The Buddhists, of course, will continue to exercise their religion. There has never been any objection to that. The Honpa Hong Wanji wanted the right to acquire and hold property, and do all the things that such corporations have power under the law to do. The men who signed the application for a charter were T. Kato, K. Haida, M. D. U. Kobayashi and Y. Ishii.

TRANSPORTS CLOSED TO CIVILIANS

Postmaster Pratt has received a letter from Captain Humphrey of the Quartermaster's Department of the Army, announcing that, per orders arriving here on the 10th inst., the privilege of postal employees to travel on army transports has been withdrawn and all applications on file canceled. Postmaster Pratt has heard, unofficially, that the passenger accommodations on transports will hereafter be reserved exclusively for army, navy and marine officers and their families.

SAN FRANCISCO'S CHINATOWN.

The people of San Francisco have begun to discover that Chinatown was a paying investment. The district drew a trade of \$30,000,000 annually, most of which came from tourists who looked upon the quarter as a world's curiosity. Hence it will be difficult either to suppress Chinatown or to improve it much. What the tourists examined in open mouthed wonder was chiefly its dirt. To remove that would remove a prime cause of profitable curiosity. Altruism is not going to cope with the new San Francisco.—Atchison Globe.

WILL ASSUME THE WHOLE BLAME

Patterson Willing to Be Broke if Dam Be Condemned.

The public was represented at the Nuuanu dam investigation yesterday by ex-inspector Patterson. At least Mr. Patterson was the only one to respond to the general invitation extended to all kickers to appear and register their protests on the ground. There were a few others on the work, among them Jos. S. Emerson, C. E., and Dr. Emerson, but these were sightseers only. The Department of Public Works was represented by Assistant Superintendent Howland and C. H. Smith, the engineer on the work.

After all there was little examining done. The pumps working on the accumulated water in the core wall trench had made no showing whatever, the water being at the same level as when the work started. The heavy rains of the morning had been responsible for some of this water and it has been acknowledged by those on the job that it will be at least Saturday before the core wall will be exposed sufficiently to allow an examination of the bottom to be made. The test pit over the muck pile has also been given a couple more days than was first stated.

Expert Kellogg has asked that the position of the pump at the trench be changed, so as to hasten the work, and the shifting of the machinery was commenced as soon as Mr. Howland and the contractor's foreman could come to terms, the latter wanting to know who was going to pay for the extra work before he would begin it.

PUTTING BLAME ON PATTERSON. Throughout what investigation was made yesterday there was a constant exchange of remarks between Smith and Patterson and once the ex-inspector threw down the gage for Howland.

"I don't care how you break me so long as the dam is condemned," shouted Patterson. "I say that there is rotten construction and if you want to blame me for it I don't care. My reputation doesn't matter so long as Mr. Kellogg condemns the work."

This was said almost as soon as the examination commenced. The expert was viewing a portion of the waste pipe exposed by a trench. From the concrete covering of the pipe water was pouring and Patterson had said that this was due to the butt joints in the stove pipe not being brought close together.

"Well, why didn't you bring them close together?" demanded the engineer in charge. "You looked after this work and passed it."

"Why didn't you bring them together?" fired back Patterson. "You were here all the time and saw what was being done. You knew the pipe wasn't up to specifications. Mr. Howland knew how that pipe was going in, too."

"Well, if it wasn't right why didn't you stop it?"

"You know I never had any authority to stop anything," retorted Patterson, who added his remark about shouldering all the blame that the department wished to pile on him.

In the meantime the pipe leaked merrily on.

Attention was then drawn to the crack in the big fill which Patterson

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THE GOOD MEN MUST TAKE INTEREST

One of the Great Needs of Politics in This Territory.

Every politician is not a tar baby. That is to say, every man in politics is not bad for that reason alone, although perhaps the burden of proof is on him. Which would not be the case if good men would take the interest that they should in every day practical politics, instead of waiting for the tar babies to achieve results and then standing around on the street corners and kicking at what had been done through their neglect of their plain public duty.

Take, for example, the Twelfth Precinct of the Fourth District on this island. That precinct runs up into Ma-noa valley and takes in the College Hills district, and so has a great many of the most respectable people in Honolulu within its boundaries. And yet, at the meeting of the precinct club held last Friday night, there were present twelve white men and fifty-six natives, every one of these last a political worker. Of course the machine has a ticket in that precinct. And if the reputable voters in the precinct do not turn out, the machine ticket for delegates to the conventions will be elected. Then the respectable people will rear up because of the kind of ticket these delegates nominate. And who will be to blame for that?

DECENT MEN WANTED.

There is going to be a meeting of the club next Friday night to elect precinct officers, and there is no earthly reason why the respectable voters should not carry the meeting if they will turn out at the meeting. On the following week the club will nominate its ticket for delegates, and there is no reason why the respectable people should not carry that election, either. But, if the men of substance will not turn out, the tar babies will run things—and run them to public disaster, as they always do.

By the way, there has been no date set yet for the County Convention, and there is no date put down in the party rules as printed. There is a date for the primaries. That comes on the fourth Friday in August. Approximately, there is a date set for the Territorial Convention, called this year to meet at Wailuku, Maui. But concerning the date when the County Convention shall meet, there is nothing said anywhere. So it would seem to be up to the County Committee to get busy in this matter.

WHO IS AFRAID?

Now, then, who is afraid? John Lane says that he is not. The wicked Mr. Achi says that he is not. So, both these gentlemen are to be candidates for delegate to their convention in their precinct—and when the smoke of the primary battle clears away there will be one factor the less to account for in the politics of Hawaii.

In the meantime, Senator Lane is getting a committee together to welcome Delegate Kuhio home when the Siberia gets into port next Friday, and Mr. Achi has gone up to the Big Island, but whether on a foraging expedition or not, no man is able to say. The man who says just what Mr. Achi does any particular thing for will be a shining wonder.

For instance, why should Achi undertake to down Sam Johnson in his own

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ROOSEVELT AND BRYAN WILL BE THE CANDIDATES

That Is the Prediction Made by a Senator Clark, Who Is Most Likely Democratic Senator Clark of Montana.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

SANTA BARBARA, California, July 12.—Senator Clark predicts that Roosevelt and Bryan will head the tickets of their respective parties in the next campaign.

This is probably Senator Clark of Montana, who is accustomed to spend a part of each year in Southern California. There are two Clarks in the Senate, however, besides a Clarke from Arkansas. If the Clark who makes this prediction is a good political prophet, the country is due for a most vivid and interesting campaign. Both Roosevelt and Bryan are of the strenuous type in politics, and each will fight for all that is in him. And each one will have partisans as strenuous as himself.

RIVER STEAMER ON FIRE.

LA CROSSE, Wisconsin, July 12.—A river steamer with two hundred passengers on board caught fire here last night. There were no lives lost.

DEATH ON A TROLLEY CAR.

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 12.—Five persons were killed and a score injured here by a trolley car running into an open switch.

REPUBLICS OF SALVADOR AND GUATEMALA FIGHT

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Hostilities between Salvador and Guatemala have broken out anew.

Guatemala and Salvador, neighboring republics and both populated by fire-eaters, are in almost a chronic state of hostility towards each other. Just at the present time Guatemala is torn by revolution, and the Salvadorans have perhaps concluded that this is a good time to pay off some old grudges. It is more than probable that Salvador has been actively aiding the insurrection against the authority of the ruler of its neighbor.

CONDEMNED MEAT DESTROYED.

PHILADELPHIA, July 12.—The Health Inspector here has destroyed thirty-three thousand pounds of meat, condemned as unfit for human consumption.

TURKS MURDERED BY PEASANTS.

SALONICA, July 12.—Twenty-one peasants have been sentenced to death here for the murder of twenty-eight Turks.

SOUTH AFRICA FEARS UPRISING OF BLACKS

JOHANNESBURG, July 12.—There are grave fears of an uprising of the blacks.

Ever since the Boer war, the black population of South Africa has been in an unsettled state. Refusal to work in the mines of the Transvaal and in the diamond field led to the imposition of the kral tax, made purposely heavy. This was bitterly resented. The feeling was shown in the rising among the Natal Kaffirs, which has only just been put down by the Natal government, but which resulted in enough bloodshed to arouse the whole native population. The main cause of dissatisfaction among the blacks is, however, the confiscation of their weapons and the attempts to make them work.

ROOT SAILS FOR RIO.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, July 12.—Secretary Root has sailed for Rio Janeiro.

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE COMMISSIONERS GRAFTING

(Associated Press Cablegrams Afternoon Service.)

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11. Mayor Schmitz has demanded the resignations of the Police Commissioners, charging them with using their offices to enforce their private business interests. Commissioners Poheim, Drinkhouse and O'Grady have resigned. Commissioner Reagan is defiant.

RAILROAD FINED.

CHICAGO, July 11. Judge Landis has sentenced the Chicago and Alton railroad to pay a fine of \$40,000 for allowing rebates.

JEWS BY THE THOUSAND FLEE FROM REVOLUTION

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

WARSAW, July 12.—Thousands of Jews are fleeing the city through fear of a revolutionary outbreak.

ADMIRAL WILL DIE.

SEBASTOPOL, July 12.—Admiral Choiknan, who was wounded by an assassin here yesterday, is dying. His assailant, a sailor, has not been captured.

CAVALRY MUTINEERS SURRENDER.

TAMBOV, July 12.—The cavalry mutineers have surrendered.